

STORM WATER Pollution Prevention

FOOD AND RESTAURANT



Food waste, grease, cleaning fluids, mop water and trash from restaurant operations often make their way into the City of Garland storm water system and do not get treated before reaching local creeks and lakes. This pollutes drinking water sources and contaminates waterways, making them unsafe for people and wildlife. Follow these best management practices to prevent pollution and protect public health. Failure to comply with city ordinances may result in fines up to \$2000.



Recycle Oil & Grease

Oil and grease waste can be recycled. Look in the yellow pages for rendering companies. Don't pour oil and grease into the sinks, floor drains, or onto a parking lot or street. Keep grease bins covered and contained. Keep your grease interceptor maintained to prevent sewer overflows or backups and keep records of grease waste hauling.



Mop Water Disposal

Pour wash water into a janitorial or mop sink. Do not pour onto a parking lot, alley, or street.



Dumpster Areas

Keep dumpsters clean, lids closed, and the areas around them clean. Do not fill with liquid waste or hose them out. Call your trash hauler to replace any dumpsters that are damaged, leak, or don't have a drain plug.



Managing Spills

Clean food spills in loading and trash areas by using absorbent materials and sweeping then mopping, and discharge mop water into the sewer through a grease interceptor. Have spill containment and cleanup kits available. To report serious toxic spills, call 911.



Cleaning & Maintenance of Equipment & Parking Lots

Clean equipment, floor mats, filters and garbage cans in a mop sink, wash rack, or floor drain connected to the sewer through a grease trap. Don't wash them or pour wash waste in a parking lot, alley, sidewalk, or street. Sweep outside areas and put the debris in the garbage, instead of sweeping or hosing it into the parking lot or street. Waste water from parking lot cleaning must be recovered and disposed of properly.

If you would like to report an environmental concern or have any questions, please contact the Health Department at 972-205-3460 or the Stormwater Hotline at 972-205-2180



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